

Church of England Primary School

Creek Road, Greenwich, London, SE10 9RB

CLASS TEACHER: Miss Tsang

SUPPORT STAFF: Miss Hulcup and Miss Sudds



Welcome to all our new families and welcome back to those who were already a part of our nursery. The children have settled well into class and are happily trying new activities and making lots of friends.

TERMLY TOPIC

Each term we will have a Topic to focus on. In Spring 1 the topic is 'Once Upon a Time' and our focus will be nursery rhymes, which links to the children learning about rhyming texts. In Spring 2 the topic is 'Our Wonderful World' where we will be learning about transport, animals, colours and identifying sounds.

LITERACY

This term we will focus on listening to stories which include repetitive patterns and rhymes. This will help the children to join in with stories so that they can retell them in a variety of ways.

Our classroom has many areas which allow children to experiment with mark making. We also use a range of fun activities to develop the children's fine motor skills which are essential for writing.

We will be supporting the children to recognise their names and the letters in their names. Please encourage your child to recognise their names and the letters in their names at home.

It is important for children to have stories read to them, and your child will take home a school story book for you to share with them. This can be a great part of a calm bedtime routine and it really helps the children to develop a love of books. Please try and find time to read with your child on a daily basis for at least 10 minutes. The children's books will be changed once a week on a Friday. It is important for them to become really familiar with each book and spend time discussing the pictures and predicting what might happen.

Please make sure your child has a book bag to take the school books home in. Letters from school will also be placed inside your child's book bag, so please check it each day.

PHONICS

In phonics, we will be building an awareness of sound, through activities and games that develop focused listening and attention skills. We will also begin to teach children to hear words when individual sounds are blended together e.g. c-a-t is cat. To support your child, please continue to have conversations with them and encourage them to listen and identify the sounds they can hear at home and when they are outside.



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MATHEMATICS

In maths, we will continue investigating numbers and learning about numbers through rhymes and stories. We will be learning about the numbers 1 to 5. You can help at home by encouraging your child to collect objects and counting them as they collect them.

Additionally, we will be learning about shapes. We will learn to name a square, triangle, circle and rectangle and begin to recognise them in the classroom. You can help by asking your child what shapes they can see at home or in the local environment



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE)

We will be focusing on the bible stories 'Jesus Calms the Storm' and 'Noah's Ark' this term.



PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

In Nursery, the children will have opportunities to develop their gross motor skills every day using the outside area during continuous provision. Our focus this term will be on games and ball skills.

We will also be encouraging the children to become increasingly independent in meeting their own care needs e.g. washing and drying their own hands and putting on/ taking off their own coats.

EXPRESSIVE ARTS

In Nursery, we will continue giving opportunities for children to dance, listen to different types of music, paint, draw and explore other craft materials. We will also be focusing on developing our performance skills by singing favourite songs and exploring pitch (high/low sounds) and different rhythms.

NAMES ON ALL PERSONAL ITEMS

Please ensure that your child's name is clearly visible on every item that is brought into school, even if you think it is very recognisable.

This includes:

- Water bottles
- Every item of uniform, including socks
- Every item of spare clothes.
- Book bag
- Rucksack
- Coats

Please make sure that every new item you purchase throughout the year also gets your child's name put on it, this will include winter coats.

Thank you for taking the time to label your child's possessions, it really does make a big difference to us in school.

PICK UP AND DROP OFF

Please make us aware if somebody different is going to collect your child by contacting the school office.

We will continue to open the entry gate on Clavell Road and ask you to let yourselves out of the Creek Road gate. Please make sure that the gate has firmly closed behind you as you leave.

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The gate closes in the morning at 9:00, if you arrive after this time your child will be marked as late. Please pick up your child promptly at 3:10. If you know you are running late, please call the school so we are aware and can reassure your child that you are on the way!

OTHER REMINDERS

Recycle, Recycle!

Got any interesting recyclables at home? Feel free to bring in clean materials like newspapers, magazines, egg cartons and more. Save those empty plastic bottles, jars, boxes and containers as our artists will use these to create dolls houses, guitars and all sorts of other imaginative items. Please bring in clean, empty recyclable materials of various sizes that you no longer need.

Weather

We go outdoors whatever the weather so appropriate clothing is required, checking the weather forecast with your child is also a good learning activity and they can then help to decide what they will need to wear that day.



Remember we are always available to offer you help and support. If you need to talk to a class adult please email or phone the school and we will do whatever we can to help.

Thank you.

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